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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOLLOWING IS STRICTLY FYI. TAKE NO ACTION PENDING
FORMAL CABLE NOW BEING DRAFTED. INDIAN OCEAN WORKING
GROUP MEETING TENTATIVELY SET TO BEGIN MOSCOW JUNE 22.
DOBRYNIN TOLD WARNKE HE ENVISIONS IT LASTING TWO WEEKS
(US PREFERS MUCH SHORTER FIRST SESSION, WEEK AT OUTSIDE).
SOVDEL WILL BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE MENDELEVICH,
WITH ADMIRAL AMELKO AS DEPUTY HEAD. USDEL LED BY WARNKE
WITH BARTHOLOMEW (DEPUTY DIRECTOR PM) AS DEPUTY HEAD. DOD
LOOKING FOR ADMIRAL TO BALANCE AMELKO. TOTAL USDEL AROUND
10 (11 WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE), PLUS PERHAPS FOUR
STAFF, INCLUDING INTERPRETER. US WILL INSIST ON PAYING
FOR ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. EVENING JUNE 7 WE DELIVERED TO SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR
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SECTION THE VISA APPLICATIONS FOR MR. AND MRS. M. SPALDING
TOON (AMBASSADOR'S BROTHER) TO VISIT AMBASSADOR BEGINNING
JUNE 16. WE WILL HAVE TO TRY TO GET THE VISAS ISSUED AND
THE PASSPORTS BACK TO THE FAMILY IN TIME FOR THEIR
SCHEDULED JUNE 15 DEPARTURE. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU
HAVE DONE A SUPPORT NOTE, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE VERY SHORT
TIME WE ARE MAKING A REQUEST TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR

EXCEPTIONAL TREATMENT.

3. WE THINK IT IS A MISTAKE NOT TO GO TO MFA ON GORKIY ELEVATOR PROBLEM AS WE SUGGESTED, SINCE MYSHKOV RECOMMENDED THIS AS A WAY OF GETTING ISSUE RESOLVED. OUR TALKS WITH MYSHKOV HAVE PRODUCED GOOD RESULTS THUS FAR, AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS OBVIOUS DESIRE TO SPEED THINGS UP TO HELP GET WHAT WE WANT. WE FEEL WORKING WITH MFA ALONG WITH KIEV AUTHORITIES IS THE WAY TO GO, AND RECOMMEND YOU APPROACH MFA ASAP. ALSO, HOPE YOU CAN AGREE TO KNOOP VISIT ON SCHEDULE WE SUGGESTED. OTHERWISE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PRODUCE HIM BEFORE ANOTHER MONTH GOES BY. KIEV PEOPLE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT KNOOP IS AUTHORIZED TO RESOLVE ALL PROBLEMS ON THE SPOT.

4. PROTOCOL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE JUST AGREED TO EXTEND STATE SALES TAX EXEMPTION TO CONSULAR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED IN CALIFORNIA. WE WILL BE GETTING OUT A FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE ABOUT THIS AS PART OF THE CONSULAR REVIEW.

5. CONSULAR REVIEW: REF YOUR QUESTION AT THE END OF MOSCOW 8049, THE PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDING THE "A" VISAS OF DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN US FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS RESTS WHERE IT DID LAST SUMMER - THERE ARE OBJECTIONS TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THE SOVIETS VALID FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, THE QUESTION MAY GET INTO ICIS. VANCE

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